

Permanent Trailer Identification Program (PTI)

29.000 Introduction

The Commercial Vehicle Registration Act of 2001 (CVRA) changed the way the department registers most trailers (and commercial vehicles). Under the CVRA, most trailers are **not** registered on an annual basis, but are registered under the Permanent Trailer Identification (PTI) program and renewed every five years.

- Partial Year Registration (PYR) is **not** available for trailers.
- Permanent Fleet Registration (PFR) is **not** available for trailers.
- Trailers **cannot** be registered under the International Registration Plan (IRP)
- The department will issue a (new) PTI plate, if requested, and/or the PTI identification card (in lieu of a registration card). PTI owners may retain the trailer plate or special interest plate on the PTI trailer **or** place personalized plates on a PTI trailer. (Renewal fees will include any special plate fees due.)

29.005 Dealer License Required

A dealer's license is required to sell new or used trailers.

29.010 Trailers Excluded from the Permanent Trailer Identification Program

The following trailers are excluded from the Permanent Trailer Identification (PTI) program and are subject to annual registration as usual:

- Park trailers (body type CCHPT)
- Park trailer boats (body type CCHPTBT)
- Trailer coaches (body type CCH)
- Coach boat trailers (body type CCHBT)

<p>NOTE: Converter gears and auxiliary dollies may be in the PTI program, but it is not required.</p>
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29.015 Permanent Trailer Identification (PTI) Registration Requirements

All document requirements for original registration are the same **except**:

- A weight certificate is **not** required for PTI applications. The vehicle owner, lessee, or the dealer selling the trailer may certify to the trailer's unladen weight on the Application for Registration of New Vehicle (REG 397) or a Statement of Facts (REG 256).
- The nonresident service fee is **not** due for nonresident trailers registered as PTI.
- A completed Permanent Trailer Identification Certification (REG 4017) is required for trailers registered in the PTI program.
- The PTI Fee may be posted for any PTI trailer entering this state that is not licensed, registered, titled, or issued identification, and which is to be placed into dealer inventory to be sold **or**
- A Nonresident Commercial Vehicle Trip Permit (REG 41) may be purchased.

NOTE: Posting the PTI fee or purchasing a trip permit allows the trailer to enter the state without the dealer obtaining PTI registration in the dealer's name. PTI registration in the dealer's name would prevent sale of the trailer as a new trailer.

29.020 Permanent Trailer Identification (PTI) Titling Options

A Certificate of Title is not automatically issued to PTI trailers unless there is a legal owner/lienholder, in which case a title (or ELT record) is issued. The sole owner (no legal owner/lienholder) must request issuance of a paper Certificate of Title by completing and signing the Permanent Trailer Identification Certification (REG 4017).

Reference: Section 29.030.

29.025 Transfer of Ownership

The current transfer requirements remain the same for PTI trailers **except**:

- A Permanent Trailer Identification Certification (REG 4017) must be completed and submitted for transfer of ownership if a paper title was not issued (excluding ELTs). A duplicate title fee is **not** due.

NOTE: If a PTI paper title was issued, but is lost, stolen, or mutilated, an Application for Duplicate Title (REG 227) must be submitted and a Duplicate Title Fee is due.

- The PTI paper title fee and a transfer fee are due in addition to any other fees due.

29.030 Permanent Trailer Identification Certification (REG 4017)

The Permanent Trailer Identification Certification (REG 4017) is a two-sided form used for trailers registered in the Permanent Trailer Identification (PTI) Program.

Side A is completed and signed by sole owners requesting a paper title.

Side B is an application for:

- Transfer of ownership for a PTI trailer if a paper title was not issued (excluding ELTs). The transfer may be a registered owner transfer or a release of security interest (lienholder) only.
- Adding a legal owner/lienholder.

